

THE DISCOVERIES AT NIMROD.—A writer in the *Nottingham Review* says:—"From Jexia we went to Mosul, not far from which town one of my best friends, Mr. Layard, is engaged in excavating the great mound of Nimrod, the English Government having obtained a firman from the Sultan, and furnishing funds for that purpose. I spent several days with Layard, at his temporary residence near the mound, which is about twenty miles from Mosul, and a mile and a half from the Tigris, and was enabled to form a tolerable idea of the nature and extent of his operations. Only fancy an immense artificial mound, composed of unburnt bricks, 900 yards in length by 600 in width, and about 50 yards high, which for ages has been overgrown with grass, and the top of it well cultivated and built upon, nobody suspecting that in this mound, and under these ploughed fields, were the splendid remains of the palaces of the old Assyrian kings. Remains, indeed, they can hardly be called, since the greater part of the walls and the bas reliefs with which they are covered, are in as perfect a state of preservation as if they had been chiselled yesterday. To attempt to describe these antiquities would take ten times more space than the limits of a letter will allow; suffice it to say, that together with the French excavations at Khorsabad (a mound of the same nature, though not nearly so large as that of Nimrod), they are by far the most remarkable things in the way of antiquities, not excepting even Palmyra, that have been discovered within the last hundred years. A great many of the bas reliefs and curious ornaments, articles of dress, vases, weapons, armour, &c., are now being transported down the Tigris to Basora, on the Persian Gulf, whence they will be shipped round the Cape to England. They will, altogether, form a splendid collection for the British Museum, much superior, I think, to that of the French, though the government of the latter have been much more liberal than ours, having allowed Messrs. Botta and Flandrin, for their expenses and remuneration, upwards of 35,000*l*."

IMPORTANT TO IRONFOUNDERS.—At Liverpool, on Friday week, Messrs. Smith and Willey, ironfounders, appeared at the county court, to defend three actions brought against them by men lately in their employ, for balance of wages alleged to be due. On the part of the defendants it was stated, that, in consequence of the conduct of the moulders, belonging to the moulders' club, Messrs. Smith and Willey had been forced to put labourers and boys to perform work previously done by moulders, and that strong ill-feeling had been displayed by the club men in consequence. One of their plans was to send men to take employment as moulders, and after these had worked a day or two, the work entrusted to them they wilfully spoiled. The magistrate refused all the claims, observing, that although it was possible a single article might have been accidentally lost, the fact of three men losing their work at the same time was sufficient to convince him that the defendants were justified in resisting the demand.

TESTAMENTARY DISPOSAL OF CHINA AND OTHER ANTIQUITIES, &c.—Among the specific bequests by the late Rev. J. W. Mackie, M.A., student of Christ Church, Oxford, who died at his residence, Siddons House, Upper Baker-street, Regent's-park, on 1st July, are the cabinet, late Lady Warburton's, with the coins it contains, and all his papal coins, to the Ashmolean Museum; the View of the Piazza de Popolo, Rome, to the trustees of the Taylor Gallery, Oxford; the antique bronze plaques found at Tours of the Dedication of the Chapel to St. Elvy, described in the "Archæologia," to the Society of Antiquaries; the bust of Proserpine, by Powers, of Florence, to the dean and chapter of Christ Church, Oxford; and all autographs, prints, portfolios, coins, &c., not specifically bequeathed, to the Rev. W. Nourse, together with all MSS.

THE SMOKEY TINK MOVEMENT.—Some readers have construed our intimation, last week, that the assent given to the wishes of the operatives was at present but partial, into an indication that our previously expressed opinion was changed. This, however, is far from being the case; and we hope, as we have done from the first, that the masters will all grant the request. We are informed that the number of London firms who have done so now amounts to eighty.

PROPOSED WORKS, &c.—Tenders have been called for by advertisement, for the erection of a Laboratory Establishment, near Gosport; the several works required in completing and finishing the Kingsland, Dalston, and De Beauvoir Town, Literary and Scientific Institution; inside and outside work, including materials, at Kensington; the erection of a chapel, board-room, and other works, at Bishop Stratford Union Workhouse; Carpenter's work, and painter's and glazier's work at St. Leonard's, Shoreditch Workhouse, Kingsland-road; Construction of 3,000 yards of the Glasgow, Kilmaronock, and Ardrossan railway, and for alterations in the live and levels, and relaying, with heavier rails, 2,700 yards of the Doura Branch of Ardrossan line; for the erection of a new iron bridge near Yarmouth; also for the supply of two cylindrical wrought-iron boilers, at Westminster; and the supply of 35,000 perforated tiles, for filters, and as many hard burned bricks of best quality, for the Gorbals Gravitation Water Company, at Glasgow.

HAVING PUBLIC COMPANIES.—THE CHARTERED GAS COMPANY, *Appellant*.—ST. MARGARET'S PARISH, *Respondents*.—This case was partly heard at the last sitting of the Westminster Petty Sessions, and was an appeal by the Chartered Gas Company against a rating of 4,000*l*. a year on their works in St. Margaret's parish.—On Tuesday Mr. Rogers, the vestry clerk, said, that in consequence of the company having made a return of 28,000*l*. a year profits, the parish had only considered it fair to increase the assessment from 3,040*l*. to 4,000*l*. on the principle that any person would pay that amount for the use of the extensive works and interests enjoyed by the company.—Mr. Burs, the secretary, contended that no reason had been shown to alter the valuation of 1830, and that to make an assessment on an income tax return was not just.—Aldermen Johnson doubted if the profits could be rated.—Mr. Rogers observed, that it was not the profits that were proposed to be rated; if so, it would be on 28,000*l*. instead of 4,000*l*.; but the parish contended that any one would give 4,000*l*. a year for permission to carry on the works, and it was for the company, by the production of their books, to show that amount could not be obtained. The parish could not do that.—The court observed that the question was one of great importance to the company as well as the parish, and they wished some better evidence had been brought forward. The room was cleared for about a quarter of an hour, and upon parties being called in, Mr. Evans announced that he and his brother-magistrates were of opinion that the rate should be affirmed. The company could have brought forward evidence that it was too much; they had not done so, but they could appeal.—Mr. Burs thanked the magistrates, and said, the company would consider what course they should pursue.

PUNISHMENT OF BAD ARCHITECTS IN FRANCE.—The correctional police of Yver were lately occupied with the trial of M. Dupont, the architect of the school-house of Vassay, for having, by the badness of the construction, caused the death of eight persons. It appeared from the evidence that, on June 2th, a main beam of the building gave way, and the two floors fell in, crushing in their way the persons below. The beam in question was proved to have been always suspected as weak, and when the school-house was given up to the authorities, some questions were asked about it. It was then finally decided that a partition should be placed immediately under it, as a means of support. This had not been done when the accident occurred. The court, considering that sufficient care had not been evinced, condemned M. Dupont to three months' imprisonment and 50*l*. fine.

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Mr. Harnden	2,585
Mr. West	2,495
Mr. Mills	2,395

TO CORRESPONDENTS.

"J. T. Cornwall."—We cannot undertake to supply our correspondence with a system of perspective at this moment.
 "W. R. C."—shall appear, though perhaps not immediately.
 "R. W."—We have not yet found an opportunity to examine his communication.
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